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"I am not entitled to the vote of any man who does not favor the Election Law."—W.H. Hall of Harrodsburg.

"I will be as liberal as Mr. Gossard. I do not want the vote of any man who is in favor of the Election Law."—W.S. Taylor of London.

Mr. GOESEL's adherents have them selves the best of it. TAYLOR must carry the state by over 15,000 in order to be Governor. So they appear to have sized up the capacity of their machine for turning out the fraudulent votes.

Dr. L. H. BLANTON, Chancellor of Central University, Richmond, who is one of the most zealous opponents of Goeselism in that section, predicts that GOESEL will be defeated by 30,000. Dr. BLANTON has traveled much over the state lately and bases his prediction on the organized and determined opposition to the Covington measure everywhere. But one Professor of the Faculty of Central University, who is not for GOESEL, and not a Minister in that city will support him.

\$100—REWARD—\$100.

The reader of this paper will be pleased to learn that he can get a reward of \$100.00 if he can find out who is able to care in all its stages, and that is Calvary. Hall's Calvary Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Calvary bears a commanding and distinctive character, and is a true man's Hall's Cancer Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of all disease. It is the purest and easiest way of bringing up the consumption and wasting nature in its disease. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer \$100.00 reward for any case that fails to recover. Send for list of testimonials.

J. J. CHENY & CO., Toledo, O.
Body druggists, 75 cents.

Hall's Family Physician, best.

Cider Barrels for sale by Limehouse Distillers.

Edward Wagner died of consumption at Hixson, Tenn., last week.

Fruit Baked Oats, 3 pounds for 10c, at Langdon & Co's.

Mr. T. J. Wimer is about to cut, after an attack of rheumatism.

The people of Farmington are now enjoying the luxury of a telephone system.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson at few days since celebrated her 5th birthday at her home in Farmington.

Mr. Minor Allan Denton and Miss Eva Donnan Bell are among recent marriage in Farmington.

John Moore, formerly of Flemingsburg, has been appointed a steward at the Frankfort Presbyterian.

The chase at Hixson this week is being well attended, and creating lots of fun for lovers of the sport.

The regular annual convention of the Kentucky Educational Association will be held in Louisville December 27th, 28th and 29th.

Albert T. Warder and Miss Sudee Brammer of Vicksburg died recently at the hands of the criminal court here Wednesday.

Moore killed the Campbell woman because she had jilted him, and shot the other two because he thought they were trying to interfere. All three were married women. Moore's wife, who had left him and at the time was living in Alabama with her children here, and will be one of the witnesses.

Christian socialism.

CUMBERLAND, Wis., Nov. 2.—A colony of 100 Germans, who call themselves Christian socialists, have purchased 4,000 acres of land on the Chippewa Falls and Northern branch of the Wisconsin River, and have established a station called Sorosaan. They are building large houses and barns, and will work their land on the co-operative socialist plan. They are a religious sect who came from the north of Germany.

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HUTCHINSON, Minn., Nov. 2.—William Rahn, 17 years old, son of Elder Rahn, of the Adventist church, was killed early Wednesday morning by the discharge of a spring gun while participating in a Hailean expedition on the farm of Peter Jensen, four miles north of here. Jensen has told how he set the gun, and is everywhere condemned.

To Assess the Transvaal Government.

PARIS, Nov. 2.—A society has been founded to render assistance to the Transvaal government. The organization is presided over by Francois Cooppe, Jules LaMaire, Henri Rochefort and Dumont, proprietor of the Libre Parole are honorary presidents. The organization is recruiting volunteers to fight for the Boers, and the pro-monarchists that more than 500 have volunteered.

Transvaal neutrality is something doubtful.

Nearly one-quarter die before they reach one year, one-third before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen! The timely use of White's Cream Vermifuge would save a majority of these precious lives. Price 35cts. J. J. Wood & Son.

Free of Charge.

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DEARTH OF NEWS.

AMERICAN ARMY.

MINDANAO CHIEFS

Delagoa Cable Broke and Telegraph Lines Monopolized by Government and Officers.

NOTHING FURTHER FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Queen Victoria Is Credited With Expressing Sincere Pity for Gen. Sir George Stewart White.

The Government Officials Are Nowhere to Judge His Honesty—The Public, However, Still Severely Criticizes the General.

LONDON. Nov. 2.—The breakdown of the Delagoa cable, combined with the monopolization of the south African telegraph lines by the government and British staff officers, is responsible for the fact that nothing further has arrived from South Africa. The government has received dispatches certifying the casualty lists. These will be published Wednesday. Up to midnight nothing has been received concerning Major-General's casualties. The war office has been working under great strain. Capt. Pershot, staff captain to the military secretary, has just died, and his death hastened by anxiety and overwork.

An unconfirmed statement is published that Gen. Sir Redvers Buller has left Cape Town for Ladysmith.

A belated dispatch from Ladysmith describing Monday's fight says: "A couple of squadrons of Hussars had a narrow escape from capture early in the day. They found themselves suddenly confronted, within easy range, by an overwhelming force of Boers, who seemed to spring from the bowels of the earth. The Hussars were splendidly handled, and were extricated, with only one man wounded."

The Queen is credited with expressing sincere pity for Sir George Stewart White, and the officials are now expected to judge his honesty. So far as the public is concerned, however, while gratification is felt at the manner in which the isolated battalions surrendered, there is still severe criticism for Gen. White and Lieut. Col. Carleton for allowing the column to get out of touch, for the absence of proper scouting and for not retiring when the ammunition was lost. In favor of Lieut. Col. Carleton, the explanation is hazarded that he believed it was imperative to the success of Gen. White's operations that he should hold the position at Nicholson's Neck.

The war office Wednesday issued the following additional list of 28 casualties sustained by Gen. Yule's force from the time of the battle of Glencoe until it joined the force of Sir George White.

Kings Rifles, 4 killed, 18 wounded.

Leicestershire regiment, 1 wounded, 9 missing.

Artillery, 1 killed, 1 wounded, 2 missing.

Mounted infantry, 27 missing.

The last mentioned were attached to the squadrons of the 18th Hussars that was entrapped by the Boers after the battle of Glencoe. They were undoubtedly captured with the Hussars.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Annual Report of Chief Examiner Service—Several Important Changes Will Be Made for Next Year.

WASINGTON, Nov. 2.—Chief Examiner Service, of the civil service commission, in his annual report made public Wednesday says 4,838 persons were examined for entrance to the government service. Not quite 75 per cent of the candidates passed. The commission has decided to abolish the written examination, and oral and examinations formerly conducted by them will be hereafter conducted by examiners sent from Washington. Owing to the increased demand for special tests the ordinary examinations for custom house and internal revenue branches and for first-class post offices will be held hereafter only once a year.

It is pointed out that out of a total of 4,838 examined by the departmental and government printing offices 784 were women, and that of the 24,318 women who have passed examinations during the last ten years, 3,475, or over 14 per cent, have been appointed. The report recommends the establishment by the commission of a standard of general intelligence which could be considered as a preliminary test.

America Drowned.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Tex., Nov. 2.—El Comercio de Castillo announcing the drowning at Nachua Falls during a recent flood of Mr. Clark, an American engineer and other members of an engineering party working in that district under the direction of the United States canal commission.

Hobart's Wonderful Vitality.

PATERSON, N. J., Nov. 2.—Vice President Hobart's wonderful vitality stood him in good stead yesterday, and notwithstanding he took ill so suddenly, he was unusually bright Wednesday evening, and asked Mrs. Hobart to read him the newspapers.

MILITARY FORCES NOW IN SERVICE:

Regulars, 64,586; Volunteers,

34,574; Total, 99,160.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THESE TROOPS.

In the United States, 64,239; Porto Rico, 3,683; Cuba, 11,187; Philippines, 32,315; En Route, 17,099.

A Tribute to the Officers of the Colored Regiments—Fare for Officers Serving in Our New Possessions—Condition of the Artillery Service.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The annual report of the adjutant general of the army, Brig. Gen. Corbin, to the secretary of war, was made public Wednesday. Aside from the strictly technical recital of all the details of a busy year in military life, the report gives much information of an interesting character and submits numerous recommendations for the betterment of the service.

Gen. Corbin sums up the military forces now in the service of the United States army as follows:

Regular Army, 64,586; volunteers, 34,574; total, 99,160. The regular establishment consists of ten regiments of cavalry, seven of artillery and 23 of infantry. The volunteer establishment consists of one regiment of cavalry, six of infantry and a Porto Rico battalion.

The distribution of these troops up to October 1 last, was as follows:

In the United States, 64,239; Porto Rico, 3,683; Cuba, 11,187; Philippines, 32,315; en route to the Philippines, 17,099; Alaska, 492; Hawaiian Islands, 498.

Gen. Corbin adds the following to the summary:

"It is estimated that by December 1 next the infantry regiments in the United States volunteers, shown above as in the United States, will have sailed for the Philippine Islands. These, with the number 150,000. Spars has maintained little more than nominal sovereignty.

Thirty of these chaps held a conference with Gen. Engelskin at Zamboanga and drew up a formal treaty of alliance.

The result of this was:

"The war department indicates that sufficient American garrisons be established in the island to protect them."

These proposals were submitted to Gen. Otis on the arrival of Mr. Engelskin, but what action has been taken is not yet known. An escaped Spanish prisoner, the leader of the rebels north of Manila, has arrived at Angeles.

He confirms the report that the insurgents are running short of Mauer ammunition and are unable to refill cartridge of this class. He says, however, that they are well supplied with Remington ammunition which they manufacture for themselves. They also manufacture dynamite and powder from petroleum and gunpowder which they have shipped to them.

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Chinn Bill. Its Amendments and the Substitutes Under the Gaze of the Searchlight of Truth.
Some Tell-Tale Correspondence.

Senator Bronston submits to the voters of Kentucky an array of facts concerning the noted schoolbook question. The Chinn bill and its handling by the legislature and the substitutes offered are lucidly touched upon and some tell-tale correspondence attached. Honest persons of all parties should read and see for themselves how the taxpayers of this state were to have been "worked" by a most shameful intrigue. Says Mr. Bronston:

The Chinn schoolbook bill has been by many misunderstood. It is claimed by the advocates of the measure that the purpose of the bill is to rid the commonwealth of the burden of high textbook bills, to be paid by the bookseller and given to the people of the commonwealth cheap books of equal merit, thereby saving to each parent an average of about \$5. It is further claimed that this cheapening of the price of books can only be attained by the exact provisions of the present bill, which is brought by far sight by fixing the maximum price of the books to be taught, and authorizing a commission appointed by the governor to force a surrender and sale of all books now outstanding, and the use of such new books as that board may select at prices fixed by them. In all the commissioners are to be appointed.

At the last session of the general assembly, when this bill was under discussion, there was not a member of the general assembly, nor do I believe there was then or is there now a citizen of the commonwealth who would not be in favor of a substitute for the children of the common schools as cheap as they can be obtained in the market. The difference originally was as to the best plan to be adopted by which the result could be attained. Early in the session Senator Crenshaw from Christian county, a Populist in politics, and a selected enough, introduced a bill into the senate carefully prepared and fixed therein the maximum prices of the books used in the common schools. He stated that he had compared carefully the lists in the various schoolbooks and found that the cost of those who had the state system and county system, as well as those who published their own books, and especially the state of Indiana, about which so much is being said, and that he had fixed the maximum prices fairly and liberally.

The Senate was so much impressed by the statement of this distinguished gentleman, and every member admitting that the end proposed was desirable, the question reserved for discussion was simply whether, in view of the present condition of the school system in Kentucky, any arrangement established by private taxation graduated schools at great expense, did not demand that the county should be taken as the unit in the selection of schoolbooks rather than the state imposing the same limitations upon the county as the unit as was imposed by the Chinn bill. The committee in relation to that urged being that sometimes tenants moving from one county to the other might be subjected to cost in the change of schoolbooks, should there be a different kind of book used in the counties. The senators interested in the subject, after consulting and making inquiries with a view of ascertaining the percentage of persons that might thus be affected if the county was selected as the unit.

In the meantime numerous bills had been introduced into the house of representatives, indicating the carelessness with which it may be left to place in your hands a correspondence which will show that while under pretense of ridding the people of

fix a maximum price upon the schoolbooks. The senator from Hopkins without his bill from the consideration of the committee, introduced a bill that the house and senate committee on education were considering all of the various bills introduced and were endeavoring to agree upon a bill. That joint committee, in considering the various bills, agreed upon the bill introduced by Senator Crenshaw, and the consideration of the various bills by the committee and the discussion of the one finally reported to the house, the atmosphere about the capitol was full of rumors of book trust and lobbyists and more than one person was pointed out as being the lobbyist of the book trust. And when the bill was introduced, it was agreed to exercise two material particular. One was the provision for the purchase of manuscripts by the commonwealth, and the other in fixing the maximum prices.

The Maximum Price.
In the original bill of Senator Crenshaw the maximum prices were as follows:
Spelling Book 10c
First Reader 12c
Second Reader 12c
Third Reader 23c
Fourth Reader 30c
Fifth Reader 40c
MENTAL ARITHMETIC 20c
INTERMEDIATE ARITHMETIC 20c
ELEMENTARY GEOGRAPHY 25c
COMMON GEOGRAPHY 25c
ENGLISH GRAMMAR (ELEMENTARY) 20c
ENGLISH GRAMMAR (COMMON) 35c
PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE 50c
HISTORY UNITED STATES 50c
WRITING BOOKS 40c

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PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE 45c
HISTORY UNITED STATES 45c
CIVIL GOVERNMENT 45c

And there had been added thereto the following:

MENTAL ARITHMETIC 40c
PRIMARY HISTORY 40c
ENGLISH COMPOSITION 25c
LANGUAGE LESSONS (FIRST PART) 20c
LITERATURE LESSONS (SECOND PART) 20c
HISTORY OF KENTUCKY 40c

It was at once explained that the increase in price in the Chinn bill over the Crenshaw bill, which amounted to the aggregate to about 25 per cent, was done as an effort to the gentlemen contending that a cheap book was not always the best book. Yet upon closer examination it could not be easily understood why a practical arithmetic had been added at an increased price of 40 cents, when it was necessary to have two United States histories, known as the history at 75 cents and Primary History at 40 cents, making the United States History cost \$1.15, whilst under the Crenshaw bill, which was modeled after the same in the lists compared with the lists of the state and the United States History commonly used in the schools could be bought at 50 cents. Nor could we understand why a elementary and one common, which under the Crenshaw bill could be bought at 25 cents, should be put up at 40 cents, and consequently 40 cents, when there was only one history of Kentucky that on the market could be bought at that price unless another should be written.

THE CHINN CORRESPONDENCE.
Much light upon these queries that were constantly being made was furnished by a correspondence which was handed to me by Hon. H. T. Stanton, accompanied as it was by him with the report.

My Dear Sir:—You seem to be doing right in referring to me my bill to you, in which you have no doubt noticed the Chinn bill, and amended it with great enthusiasm and a good deal of interest in the house. There is little doubt that it will pass the senate, for the "trust" talk has done its work in the upper house, as well as the lower.

There is some rumor that the Court is to be interested in the passage of the bill, and amended it accordingly, to circulate a counter rumor that the "poor trust" is at the bottom of the report. I am confident that with the aid of your friends and a good deal of interest in the house, that we can win in the senate as we have done in the house.

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Kentucky, or the burden of a book trust, or whether the trust has a nefarious character is about to be established."

From the Courier-Journal:
Louisville, Jan. 29, 1888.—Major H. T. Stanton, Frankfort, Ky.: Dear Major: A bill is now pending before the legislature, No. 115, entitled "School Textbook Bill." We have read this bill with some care and attention, and have come to the conclusion that it should become a law (which is more than likely) we will become one of the bidders for cheap books. You know that we now publish Smith's History of Kentucky, and we have an arithmetic already prepared which was written by Prof. A. C. Peters, who you well know, and knowing you to be a literary man well known in Kentucky, we thought you might be induced to write us a series of reader and a speller, if we can come to terms. We mean by this that we would want you to be the author of the books. We would, of course, furnish the subjects for the fourth and fifth readers.

We will not go farther into the details at this time, as you can catch the idea as above outlined what we shall aim to do in case the bill becomes a law. We realize the fact that under the present condition of things, and the bitter feeling predominating against our people, that it would not be good policy for us to hold our hand whatever. We have friends there, however, who will favor it, and we are keeping up advised.

We would be very glad to hear from you very soon, and we hope you can see your way clear to accept a position with us as outlined, and if you can't accept the place perhaps you can indicate or name some person or persons who would join us in the undertaking. We will be glad to pay you well for your services.

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Mr. Faulkner's Letter.

Louisville, Feb. 6, 1888.—Major H. T. Stanton, Frankfort, Ky.: Dear Sir:—I have callers here that have detained me until too late to see you for my train left for Frankfort, I was unable to call. My object in wishing to see you was that I have learned something most touching the possible action of Frankfort in the coming session. I desire to consult you as to a proposed amendment to the bill as finally decided upon by the committee, which I have arranged to have introduced.

I am sorry that I did not see you as I know that with your experience along local and legislative lines you could have made suggestions that would have been mutually beneficial.

The committee will come up for action tomorrow at 11:30. There will be plenty of fight on both sides, but there are good chances of the house taking action tomorrow. Yours truly,

JOHN J. FAULKNER,
(Confidential).

On the Inst^r., Louisville, Ky., Feb. 7, 1888.—Major H. T. Stanton, Frankfort, Ky.: Dear Major:—Since writing you the other day relative to the Chinn schoolbook bill, I have received a copy of the bill from Mr. John J. Faulkner of Chicago. He represents some publishing house, and he wants to deal with us in case the bill passes, and from the tone of his letter received from the Louisville Hotel, I should think he is on the side with the "powers that be" in Frankfort. Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from him.

Will you kindly find out for me whether the gentleman represents a reliable concern or not, and any other information that you can? We are making our arrangements to sell books in Kentucky if that bill passes. Please write me soon. Yours truly,

AUG. STRAUS.
(Confidential)

"Trust" Talk Its Work.

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In your letter you stated that you are in correspondence with authors who are to furnish you with manuscripts. I think we should get together and definitely agree upon what portion of the list you are prepared to furnish us. We will then send you a copy of the bill, and you can see what we are fortunate enough to contract with a contract. Would it not be well to keep an eye out for suitable men for the commission? I have arranged with some prominent people to advise with the governor in regard to the matter. Before going any deeper in the matter, I would like to see you further in reference to it.

I suggest that you communicate with some confidential friend here who can speak for you in the matter, if you think it unwise for you to come up in person. Unless necessary, I do not want you to leave here until the fight is over, and the victory won. May I hear from you by return mail? Very truly yours,

JOHN J. FAULKNER.

Offered a Substitute.

From this correspondence an explanation might be found for the changes made and for the arguments used to induce the committee to accept the substitute. I had prepared a substitute taking the country as a unit, and securing, as I thought, absolutely, by most carefully guarded provisions, school books at 25 per cent cheaper prices than the maximum prices named in the Chinn bill, and upon my suggestion the senate and the exposure of the contents of these letters, the senate adopted the substitute offered by me.

The house refusing to concur, a committee of conference was appointed, and I succeeded in convincing every member of the committee that the measure was not a wise one, in order to get cheap books and at the same time prevent the possibility of schemes and jobs of designing people, who would use the opportunity without regard to the interest of the common schools, for mercenary purposes, and to induce the committee and other senators who would, before the next meeting of the general assembly, gather all statistical information possible from the states using the various systems and report these facts to the next senate, together with a recommendation that the bill as it stands should be adopted and a bill putting that system into execution.

This was done upon a resolution offered, and Mr. Goebel, who was then president pro tem of the senate, appointed three hold-over senators on the committee, and the three who have been engaged in that work will make their report to the next session of the senate, which report, under resolution, was to be printed at the expense of the state and furnished to the members of both the senate and house.

May I ask why, in view of all these undisputed facts, it is now insisted that the Chinn bill shall be made a law, without change in its provisions?

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